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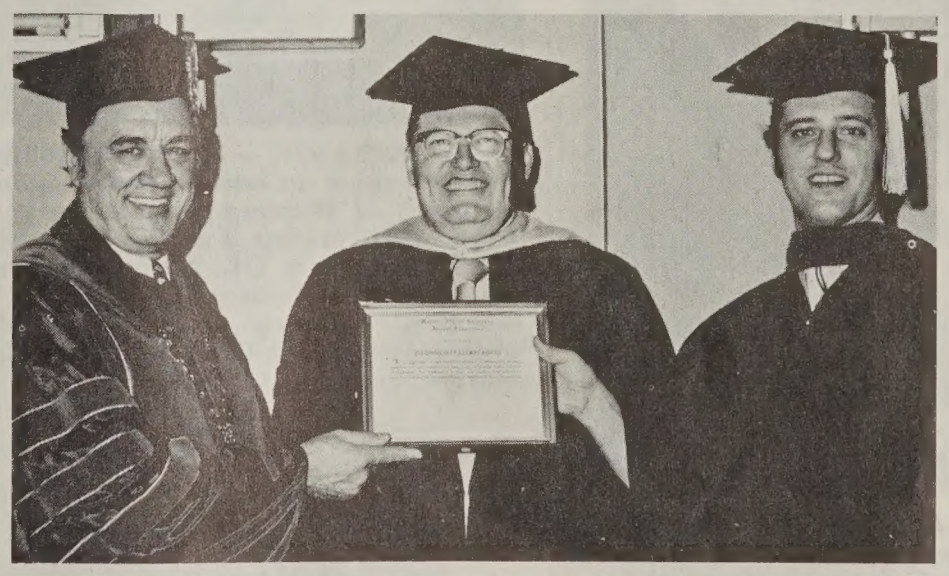

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Miss Parrotte retired after serving as principal for 26 years at the Lincoln State School and Colony in Lincoln, Ill. She first joined the staff there in 1925 as an elementary teacher, having taught in the public schools of Schuyler County, 1916-20, and in McDonough County, 1920-25.

It was 1944 when Miss Parrotte organized a Night School at the Lincoln facility for the boys and girls who were too old to attend day school, but wanted to continue their schooling. Three and a half years later, the Night School enrollment had grown from 35 to more than 200 with five sessions per week.

She was a featured speaker at both the 1947 and 1948 annual meetings of the American Association on Mental Deficiency, an organization that made her one of its Fellows for her meritorious work with the mentally retarded. She also has lectured in England, Scotland, Germany, Italy and Mexico.

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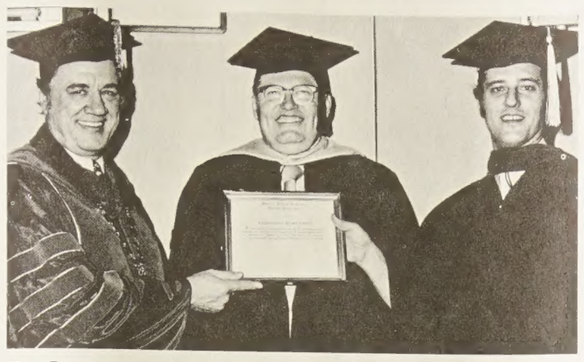

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Miss Parrotte had to decline requests in both 1970 and 1971 to serve as assistant to the director of the Michigan Division of Service for the Mentally Retarded due to ill health. In Rushville, she also helped form the Schuyler-Brown County Retired Teachers Organization.

A 1915 graduate of Rushville High School, she attended Western Illinois State Normal in 1915-16 and received her B.E. degree in 1946 from Western Illinois State Teachers College.

"Although among Western's 28,000 graduates there are many who have achieved high success in the fields of medicine, law and business, there is no one who has contributed more to the welfare of humanity than Miss Parrotte," stated Harry R. Gianneschi, WIU director of alumni affairs, in making the presentation. "Miss Parrotte will not only always be considered as one of Western's more illustrious graduates, but she will be an example for future graduates to emulate."

## GRIGSBY HONORED ON RETIREMENT

An Illinois Senate resolution, valid "WIU 11" state license plates, an endowed scholarship, two color portraits, a gas-powered golf cart and other gifts were given to James M. Grigsby, retiring Western Illinois University vice president for business affairs, Saturday, June 1 in the University Union by more than 400 friends.

Grigsby, a native of Blandinsville who attended Western Academy, and later starred on WIU athletic teams, was honored for his 25 years of service to Western, first, as business manager, and then as vice president since 1968.

R. A. (Rooney) Stipes of Champaign, former chairman of WIU's governing board and a long-time friend of Grigsby, was the master of ceremonies. Western's Marching Leatherneck Band, directed by Robert Morsch, played music by John Philip Sousa — one of Grigsby's most favorite composers. Members of the band presented Mr. Grigsby with oversized drumsticks and an honorary membership in their organization.

Speakers included Gilbert (Gib) Love, retired Ottawa High School athletic director, a classmate and WIU alumnus; Dr. Frank A. Beu, WIU president emeritus; Ray Hanson, Grigsby's former coach, and WIU President John Bernhard, who read the Illinois Senate Resolution No. 461 by Senator Clifford Latherow.

**Mr. James Grigsby is shown with his wife, Dorothy, and daughters, Gail and Jan, on the golf cart given him by his many friends at a retirement dinner.**

**Leading the band is Vice President Grigsby with an oversized drum stick presented to him by the band for his support and interest in their activities.**

## VICE PRESIDENT CRANE APPOINTS FAIRMAN NEW WIU NEWS HEAD

John T. Fairman, news director at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, has been appointed director of university news services here at Western Illinois University.

His appointment, effective July 1, was announced by Dr. Carlson E. Crane, WIU vice president for university relations. Fairman will replace Martin R. (Joe) Gagie, who resigned to accept the directorship of university information at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

A native of Big Rapids, Mich., Fairman has been in his present position since 1969; he also served six months as Northern Michigan's acting director of information services in 1972.

His previous experience includes working as a reporter for the Detroit News, 1969; sports editor, 1967-68, and managing editor, 1968-69, of the Big Rapids, Mich., Daily Pioneer.

Fairman received his B.S. degree in 1966 from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, where he majored in social studies and minored in history and journalism. He also was a member and captain of the CMU varsity golf team. He taught senior government and journalism at Big Rapids High School, 1966-67.

He and his wife, Nancy, have a son, Richard 12, and a daughter, Dana, 8.

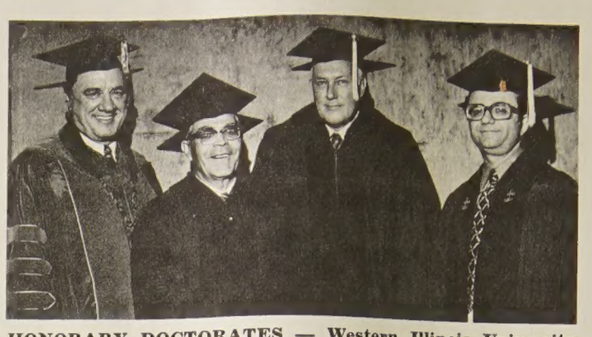
## Western's Largest Commencement — Over 3400 Graduates Two Honorary Doctorates — Humanitarian and Alumni Awards

Western's largest commencement was held June 15 in Western Hall. About 1,900 students participated in the exercises. Over 3,400 persons were eligible to participate in the commencement, including about 1,400 graduates who received their degrees since last August and approximately 300 students who are completing their degrees this spring, but were unable to attend the annual commencement.

Dr. Bernhard addressed the graduates briefly and Dr. James R. Connor, provost and academic vice president, and the academic college deans presented the candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees.

President John T. Bernhard also conferred honorary doctorates on Dr. Abbas Aryanpur, international lecturer and founder and president of The College of Translation in Tehran, Iran, and on Frank C. Bellrose, Jr., of Havana, Illinois, a wildlife specialist with the Illinois Natural History Survey and an international authority on the migration and orientation of waterfowl.

Attorney James D. Lucie, president of the WIU Alumni Association, presented the Distinguished Alumni Awards and Dr. Wesley S. Simons, chairman of the selection committee for the annual Humanitarian Award announced this year's surprise winner.



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**HUMANITARIAN AWARD — Dennis R. DeVooght, a 29-year-old Vietnam veteran from Moline, was given Western Illinois University President John T. Bernhard's 1974 Humanitarian Award at Western's Diamond Jubilee commencement exercises. DeVooght, a graduating senior in recreation and park administration, was cited for his compassionate and outstanding contribution to the promotion of humanitarian ideals and practices, especially for his volunteer work with Macomb's financially disadvantaged youth and elderly citizens. DeVooght has been employed as a recreation supervisor with the Moline Park and Recreation Department. He is shown with his wife, Raedene and two children, Michelle and Brent.**

### Teacher Accreditation Granted for 10 Years

Western Illinois University has been granted a 10-year continuation of accreditation for all of its undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, Washington, D.C.

A 14-member team of evaluators from 11 states conducted the review of WIU's teacher education programs last October. In advance preparation, Western provided a 3-volume report for the visiting team.

## WIU Foundation Presents First Distinguished Service Awards

The Western Illinois University Foundation's first Distinguished Service Awards were presented to the Edward Arthur Mellinger Educational Foundation of Monmouth, Ill., the Fulton County, Ill., Historical Society and the Spoon River Scenic Drive Associates.

The awards were given by WIU President John T. Bernhard at the University Foundation's annual board of directors spring meeting on June 8.

The WIU Foundation established the awards to recognize persons or organizations who have made valuable contributions for the betterment of the community, whether it be west central Illinois, the state or nation.

The Mellinger Educational Foundation was cited for its assistance to higher education nationally. For each of the past 13 years, it has given approximately 600 scholarships to college and university undergraduate students, including WIU students. Although the grants are made throughout the United States, many of the awards are made in Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa. The Foundation also gives loans to graduate students.

Although only founded in 1967, the Fulton County Historical Society was recognized for its publications — The History of Fulton County, Fulton County Sites and Scenes, and a quarterly newsletter; census records; inventories of more than 150 cemeteries in the county; its role in having several county sites placed on the National Register of Historic Sites, including the Redcrest Mansion in Canton and the Dickson Mounds Museum; location of the Lewistown Trail leading to the Galena Lead Mines; and numerous other research and information activities.

Spoon River Drive Associates was saluted for their leadership in promoting Fulton County as its official tourism agent. Founded in 1968, they have planned a scenic route along 65 miles of Spoon River Valley; planned a fall festival with designated stops featuring special attractions such as dramatic productions, sorghum making and apple butter making; provided grants-in-aid to assist local restoration projects; developed hiking, biking and canoeing routes; initiated a summer program of activities; and provided information and cooperation to all interested persons.

Both organizations are cooperating with both the Illinois and United States Bicentennial Commissions in the observance of the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976.

**The Fulton County Historical Society received a Distinguished Service Award from the Western Illinois University Foundation. At the awards ceremony, from left, were: Mrs. and Mr. Charles Petrovich, Canton; Mrs. L. I. Bordner, Society president; WIU President John T. Bernhard; John Shanklin, WIU Foundation president; Oral Strode, Lewistown; Charles DeBusk, Lewistown; and Joe Helle, Cuba.**

### Gift to WIU Museum

**Judge Keith F. Scott (center) is shown presenting a bound copy of THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, published in Springfield in 1899, to the WIU Museum on behalf of the McDonough County Bar Association. Obviously happy to receive this volume are Leon S. Clements, WIU Director of Auxiliary Services (left), and Mrs. George W. Herman of Macomb (right), both members of the Museum Committee. The volume contains the legislative act which established Western Illinois State Normal School. The Gifts-In-Kind Committee of the WIU Foundation encourages individuals and groups to make gifts such as this for the University Museum.**

### New Development Position Open

Applications are being received at W.I.U. for the new position, Assistant Director of Development. Candidates should have some professional fund-raising experience. The primary responsibility for this position will be to conduct various annual giving programs. Send applications to Director of Development, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois 61455. W.I.U. is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

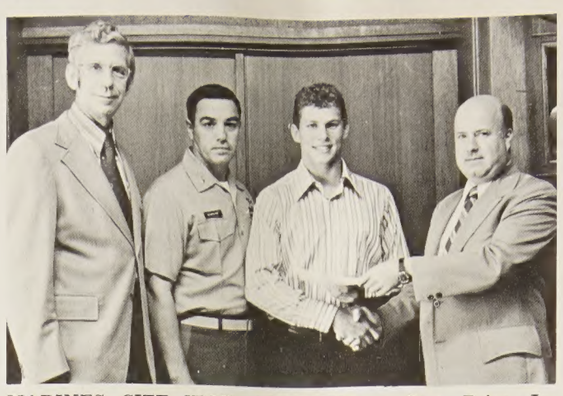
**The Edward Arthur Mellinger Educational Foundation of Monmouth, Ill., received a Distinguished Service Award from the Western Illinois University Foundation for its record of outstanding assistance to higher education nationally. At the presentation ceremony, from left, were: Lloyd C. Stevenson, secretary-treasurer of the Mellinger Foundation; Robert J. Clendenin, president of the Mellinger Foundation; John Shanklin of Bushnell, president of the WIU Foundation; and WIU President John T. Bernhard.**

**The Spoon River Scenic Drive Associates officers were given a Distinguished Service Award by the Western Illinois University Foundation at an awards ceremony. From left, were: Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Forneris, Ellisville, treasurer; Mrs. Lawrence Bordner, Canton, president; John Shanklin, WIU Foundation president; WIU President John T. Bernhard; Joe Helle, Cuba; and Charles DeBusk, Lewistown.**

# A SEASON OF STUDENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

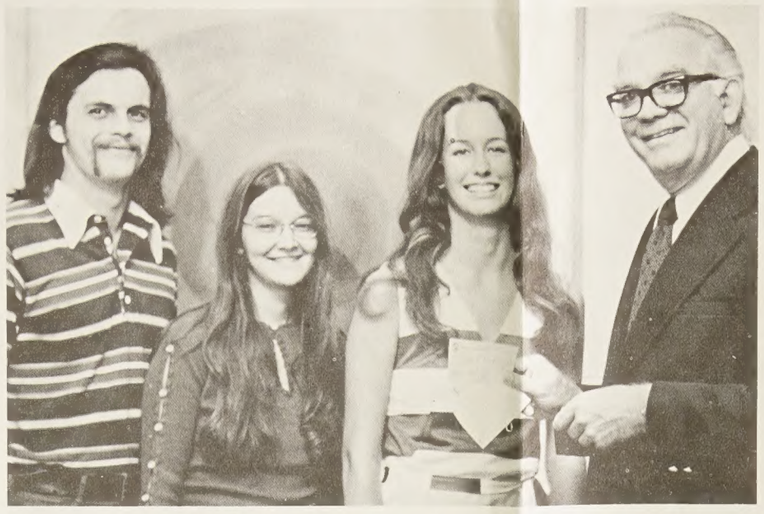
ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP HONORS SENIOR — Holding the plaque which will bear her name is Deborah Kouzes, second from right, winner of the John C. Roberts Memorial Scholarship Award as the outstanding senior in teacher education at Western Illinois University. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Kouzes, 8541 Lillibet Ter., Morton Grove, she also will receive a check for $185. From left are: Mrs. John C. Roberts; Dr. Andrew Leonie, chairman of the department of educational foundations; Ms. Kouzes; and Dr. Charles Hanna, dean of education.

BLYLER MUSIC AWARD — Sophomore Karen Ann Krieger (center) receives the Blyler Award of the Western Illinois University department of music from Miss Dorothea Blyler, left, professor emeritus of music. Ms. Krieger, a piano performance major and soloist with the WIU symphony and the university jazz band, is the daughter of Mrs. J. K. Krieger, 10611 Avenue H, East Chicago. With them is Mrs. Ann Collins, assistant professor of music at WIU and Ms. Krieger's piano teacher.



MARINES CITE W.I.U. STUDENT — Gary Price, Jr. (second from right), a Western Illinois University junior in marketing from Evanston, is shown here being congratulated for being named by the U.S. Marine Corps to the Command Honor List for placing fifth out of more than 550 officer candidates attending summer camp at Quantico, Va. With him, from left, are: Dr. Frank P. Gardner, dean of Western's College of Applied Sciences; Maj. Norman Bomkamp, Marine Corps selection officer, Chicago; and Dr. James R. Connor, WIU provost and academic vice president.

MEAD SCHOLAR — Holding the plaque which will bear her name is Ms. Barbara Pile, winner of the Mary I. Mead Scholarship Award in the Western Illinois University College of Education. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pile, Route 1, Bowen, she will also receive a check for $140. Others, from left, are: Dr. Clyde Mead, professor of elementary education; Dr. Carl Fenn, chairman of the department of special education; Ms. Pile; and Dr. Charles Hanna, dean of education.



GIVE RESEARCH AWARDS — Western Illinois University's Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has given undergraduate research awards for the first time. Recipients, from left, are: Gregory McClelland, a graduating senior in political science from Springfield, first prize; Erica L. Werler, a senior in biological sciences from Downers Grove, second prize; Nicole Hartsough, a graduating senior from Freeport, third prize; and Dr. Roland Grass, assistant dean of arts and sciences and Phi Kappa Phi chapter president, who made the presentations.

AYRE AWARD — Dale D. Johnson (right), a graduating senior in mathematics from Seneca, Ill., is the recipient of Western Illinois University's 1974 H. Glenn Ayre Mathematics Award. He is shown above receiving the award from Dr. Ayre, emeritus professor of mathematics and dean of Western's School of Arts and Sciences. Looking on is Dr. A. Jerry Shryock (left), professor and chairman of the department of mathematics.

## INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

SPECIAL AWARD — Billy Woo (second from right), a Macomb businessman, recently was honored by Western Illinois University international students and friends for his many years of assistance and a recent substantial contribution for the development of the Grote International Center at WIU. With him, from left, are: Dr. John G. Westover, WIU dean of international programs; Mrs. Nilesen Gokay of Turkey, president of Western's International Club, who gave Woo a permanent membership in her organization; and WIU President John T. Bernhard, who gave Woo an international understanding medallion inscribed "For Friendly Support of International Students."

AG SCHOLARSHIP — Dean Huff (right), president of Macomb Production Credit Association, is shown here giving an Illinois Production Credit Associations check to Dr. Rodney J. Fink, professor and chairman of the Western Illinois University department of agriculture, to be used as a scholarship for agriculture students.

WAGGONER SCHOLAR — Jared Rogers (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers, Green Ridge, Earlville, Ill., is the recipient of the Harry D. Waggoner Memorial Scholarship, given annually by the department of biological sciences at Western Illinois University.

SALLEE OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN — Keith Carriker (left) of Litchfield is shown here receiving Western Illinois University Roy M. Sallee Award, given annually to the outstanding freshman in biology. The presentation is being made by Dr. Jeanne R. Larkin, WIU associate professor of biological sciences and chairperson of the departmental scholarship committee. Sallee, now deceased, was biology faculty member at Western.

## LATINOS UNIDOS CONFERENCE

The 2nd annual Conference of Latinos Unidos in Illinois was held at Western this spring with Latino representation from all seven state universities as well as from others throughout the Midwest. Participants were largely of Mexican-American and Puerto Rican students.

The conference provided an informative and rewarding agenda which included a cultural centers workshop, a Latino Parental workshop, and a Bilingual Education workshop. The consultants included Dr. Jose Lopez, Northeastern Illinois University, Dr. Ricardo Fernandez, the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and Dr. Luis Casaus, Arizona State University at Tempe.

The Casa Latina Cultural Awareness center was a place of relaxation, hospitality and information and the participants were able to make acquaintances with other students and the consultants and share their interests and aspirations in the Latino struggle for justice in educational opportunity.

JAMAICAN SENATOR Pearnel Charles (third from left) was honored this spring while guest lecturing on the Western Illinois University campus with a special International Understanding Award and also was designated as Honorary Mayor of Macomb. He is shown above, from left, with WIU President John T. Bernhard; Dr. John G. Westover, WIU dean of international programs; Dr. Douglas K. Archer, WIU associate professor of educational foundations; Mrs. Frances Matlock, public relations and tourism officer in the Consulate for the Republic of Guyana, who also was honored; and Dr. Charles C. Hanna, dean of WIU's College of Education.

## Students Give $4,000 For Rehabilitation

Western Illinois University's Delta Sigma Phi fraternity has given $4,000 from its recent "Make Me Smile III" All-University Laker to the McDonough County Rehabilitation Center. At the presentation, from left, were: Ben Davia, local cooperating businessman; Kerry Leiby, Peoria, fraternity president; Tom Kerr, Oak Lawn, project co-chairman; James Starnes, director of the McDonough County Rehabilitation Center; Wayne White, ranger at Argyle Lake State Park, where the Laker was held; and Don Hearlston, Brookfield, project co-chairman.

## JUDGE MOWBRAY HONORED

DEDICATE MOWBRAY HALL — Western Illinois University's new Public Safety Building was dedicated this spring in honor of a distinguished WIU alumnus, the Hon. John C. Mowbray, justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. Principal participants in the dedicatory program pictured above, from left, are: WIU President John T. Bernhard; Justice Mowbray; Randy Lingle, WIU director of public safety; and Clifford Van Meter, assistant professor and chairman of Western's department of law enforcement administration.

### Grant for Interns in Chicago City Colleges

Western Illinois University has received a $32,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to support five 1974-75 fellowships for master's degree candidates in college student personnel services for urban community colleges.

This is the second such grant from the Education Professions Development Act to Dr. Kenneth H. Sproull, but because of his unexpected death last October, Dr. Walter Gilliard, personnel services, will serve as project director.

The program features an internship with Chicago's seven City Colleges, where the fellows wiill receive experience in such areas as financial aids, placement, student activities, admissions, etc.

### Biology Scholarships

Special scholars in biological sciences received awards at the end of the school year. John George, a senior from Cuba, received the Mary A. Bennett award, given annually to the outstanding senior in the department. Marian Corcoran, 6312 North Oakley, Chicago was awarded a $400 junior scholarship. Stacy Hoff of Canton also received a $400 scholarship given to an incoming freshman in biological sciences.

Dr. Virginia Keehan, president of Chicago's Southwest Junior College, is the internship coordinator. The total program includes course work on the WIU campus beginning this summer and running through the end of winter quarter; the internship will be served next spring.

Each fellow receives a basic $3,000 stipend, plus a tuition waiver and $500 per dependent.

## BERNHARD'S HONORED AT DINNER

President and Mrs. John T. Bernhard are shown receiving gifts at an Appreciation Banquet held in their honor May 16, in the University Union Grand Ballroom. More than 400 townspeople, faculty, staff, and students heard the various representatives cite their contributions to the University and the Macomb community for the past six years. Christopher Izzo, chairman of the music department, was master of ceremonies and is shown

with Don Marshall, faculty spokesman and Mrs. Bernhard. A student representative is shown presenting President Bernhard with a gift. Mayor Robert Anstine read a proclamation declaring Saturday, June 15 John T. Bernhard Day in Macomb. The Bernhards will be leaving Macomb in August for Kalamazoo, Michigan where Dr. Bernhard will assume the presidency of Western Michigan University.

## SPORTS

### BASEBALL SEASON SETS 22 RECORDS

"This was without a doubt the best group of athletes I've ever worked with," stated Western Illinois baseball coach Dick Pawlow after his 31-12 team had lost the championship game of the Mideast Regional Division II playoffs at Valparaiso, Indiana, the last week in May. The Leathernecks lost their bid to advance to the College World Series at Springfield, Illinois, when Ohio Northern University scored the game's only run on a two-out single in the 11th inning.

Not only were Western's 31 winning efforts a new school record, but Pawlow's club followed with 21 other new institutional marks.

Offensively, the new team records include: most at bats, 1268; most runs scored, 307; most hits, 396; most runs-batted-in, 268; most doubles, 63; most triples, 23; most home runs, 29; most total bases, 593; best batting average, .312; most stolen bases, 136.

Individual offensive marks were set by second baseman Dennis Mantick (LaPorte, Indiana), first baseman Greg Palka (Mokena), and right-fielder Dave Hunt (Decatur).

Mantick, a sophomore, led the record parade with new marks for most at bats, 151; most runs scored, 43; most hits, 59; most triples, nine; and most total bases, 92. He also led the team in hitting with a .391 average.

Palka, a junior, set records in runs-batted in, 40; tied record for most doubles, 10; and set new record for most home runs, eight. He was the second leading hitter at .351.

Hunt, a junior, literally ran away with the new stolen base record with 36 which was good enough for fourth spot nationally.

Senior righthanded pitcher Ed Gvazdinskas (Springfield) concluded the regular season as the nation's winningest pitcher with a 13-0 record, but finished the year at 13-2 with two losses in the Mideast tournament. His 13-2 record is a new mark at WIU for most wins in a season and the 12 games he started and completed also establishes a new record. Gvazdinskas' 82 strikeouts also led the Leathernecks' pitching staff.

### Track All-Americans

Western Illinois' trackmen placed six artists among the NCAA Division II All-American category. A summary of the complete sports year is available by writing the Alumni office for a copy of "The Year of the Leather-Necks."

## PRIVATE SUPPORT TO W.I.U. INCREASES

Although the final tabulations have not been made, it appears that the 1973-74 Giving Year, which closed on June 30, will be the best yet for W.I.U.! "Generosity" seems to be the key word, as more persons and corporations have given to W.I.U. through various annual programs than previous years.

Alumni Giving has reached an all-time high for the four years in which open giving has been conducted. Nearly 1,000 alumni contributed over $13,000 during 1973-74. Last year some 639 alumni households were represented with $10,141.25.

More parents have participated in this year's Parents Giving Program, although the dollars will be less. Seven hundred fifty parent households have given approximately $8,500 this year, compared to 713 households for $9,400 last year.

W.I.U. faculty and staff members more than doubled last year's results. Just over $3,000 has been given by 106 faculty-staff members this year, compared with $1,543 from 50 participants last year.

The Leatherneck Club, Corporate, and Class of '74 Giving Programs are still in progress and will be reported in a later issue.

The funds received from these various programs will be used during 1974-75 for undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, library enrichment, the President's Discretionary Fund for unanticipated needs, distinguished teaching awards, men's and women's athletic programs, and Alumni Services.

## ALUMNI ALOHA TOUR

**Because of demand, a larger plane has been contracted and there are still a few seats available for the Alumni Hawaii Tour October 27 through November 3. The trip includes hotel, three island sightseeing and the WIU-University of Hawaii football game. Write today for complete information from your Alumni Office.**

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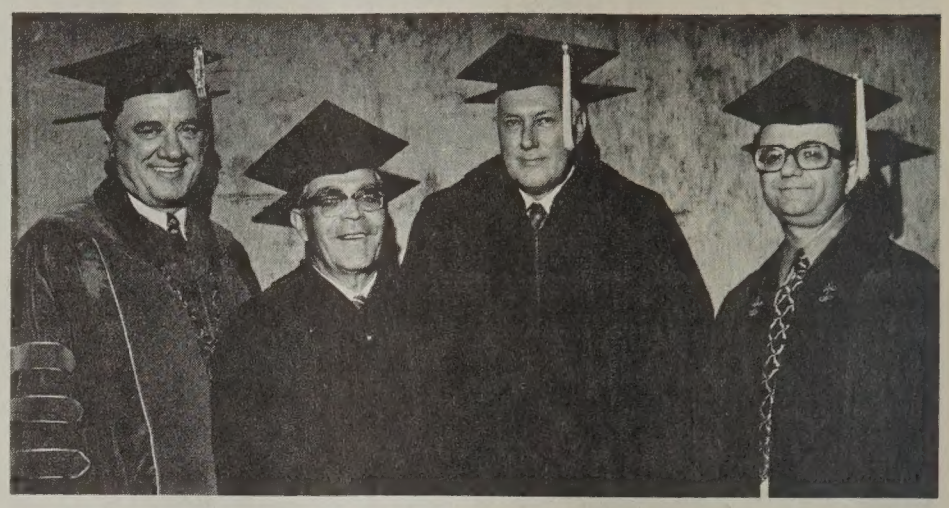
# Western's Largest Commencement — Over 3400 Graduates
# Two Honorary Doctorates — Humanitarian and Alumni Awards

Western's largest commencement was held June 15 in Western Hall. About 1,900 students participated in the exercises. Over 3,400 persons were eligible to participate in the commencement, including about 1,400 graduates who received their degrees since last August and approximately 300 students who are completing their degrees this spring, but were unable to attend the annual commencement.

Dr. Bernhard addressed the graduates briefly and Dr. James R. Connor, provost and academic vice president, and the academic college deans presented the candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees.

President John T. Bernhard also conferred honorary doctorates on Dr. Abbas Aryanpur, international lecturer and founder and president of The College of Translation in Tehran, Iran, and on Frank C. Bellrose, Jr., of Havana, Illinois, a wildlife specialist with the Illinois Natural History Survey and an international authority on the migration and orientation of waterfowl.

Attorney James D. Lucie, president of the WIU Alumni Association, presented the Distinguished Alumni Awards and Dr. Wesley S. Simons, chairman of the selection committee for the annual Humanitarian Award announced this year's surprise winner.



**HONORARY DOCTORATES — Western Illinois University presented an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Dr. Abbas Aryanpur, International lecturer and founder and president of The College of Translation in Tehran, Iran, and an Honorary Doctor of Science degree to Frank C. Bellrose, Jr., of Havana, Ill., a wildlife specialist with the Illinois Natural History Survey and an international authority on the migration and orientation of waterfowl, at its Diamond Jubilee commencement exercises Saturday (June 15). Pictured above, from left, are: WIU President John T. Bernhard; Dr. Aryanpur; Dr. Bellrose; and Majeed Mehran, consul general of Iran, who was present to congratulate Aryanpur.**

**HUMANITARIAN AWARD — Dennis R. DeVooght, a 29-year-old Vietnam veteran from Moline, was given Western Illinois University President John T. Bernhard's 1974 Humanitarian Award at Western's Diamond Jubilee commencement exercises. DeVooght, a graduating senior in recreation and park administration, was cited for his compassionate and outstanding contribution to the promotion of humanitarian ideals and practices, especially for his volunteer work with Macomb's**

# WIU Foundation Presents First Distinguished Service Awards

The Western Illinois University Foundation's first Distinguished Service Awards were presented to the Edward Arthur Mellinger Educational Foundation of Monmouth, Ill., the Fulton County, Ill., Historical Society and the Spoon River Scenic Drive Associates.

The awards were given by WIU President John T. Bernhard at the University Foundation's annual board of directors spring meeting on June 8.

The WIU Foundation established the awards to recognize persons or organizations who have made valuable contributions for the betterment of the community, whether it be west central Illinois, the state or nation.

The Mellinger Educational Foundation was cited for its assistance to higher education nationally. For each of the past 13 years, it has given approximately 600 scholarships to college and university undergraduate students, including WIU students. Although the grants are made throughout the United States, many of the awards are made in Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa. The Foundation also gives loans to graduate students.

Although only founded in 1967, the

County Sites and Scenes, and a quarterly newsletter; census records; inventories of more than 150 cemeteries in the county; its role in having several county sites placed on the National Register of Historic Sites, including the Redcrest Mansion in Canton and the Dickson Mounds Museum; location of the Lewistown Trail leading to the Galena Lead Mines; and numerous other research and information activities.

Spoon River Drive Associates was saluted for their leadership in promoting Fulton County as its official tourism agent. Founded in 1968, they have planned a scenic route along 65 miles of Spoon River Valley; planned a fall festival with designated stops featuring special attractions such as dramatic productions, sorghum making and apple butter making; provided grants-in-aid to assist local restoration projects; developed hiking, biking and canoeing routes; initiated a summer program of activities; and provided information and cooperation to all interested persons.

Both organizations are cooperating